European Leading Indicators



Key economic and financial metrics, updated monthly

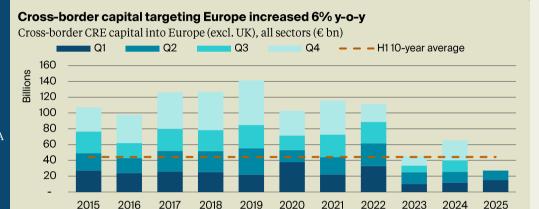
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Source: Macrobond, Knight Frank Insight

European cross-border capital shows signs of improvement

€27.1bn

Cross-border CRE investment into Europe (excl. UK) reached €27.1bn in H1 2025, up 6% on the same period last year, according to preliminary MSCI RCA data. The region remains the leading destination for global capital, supported by its relative safe-haven status.



+32.1

The Economic Surprise Index for the Eurozone, currently at +32.1, indicates that recent economic data has consistently exceeded forecasts, suggesting greater resilience than previously expected. This contrasts with the US index, which stands at a more modest +2.8.

Eurozone economic data outperforms expectations Citi Economic Surprise Index

Eurozone — USA 50 30 10 -10 -50 Mar May Jul Sep Nov Jan Mar May Jul 2024 2025

+1.2%

The EU economy is forecast to grow 1.2% this year, with Oxford Economics expecting it to stay just above 1% even in a worst-case trade war. While President Trump's threat of a 30% tariff on EU imports poses downside risk and may slow GDP next year, a recession is currently not forecast.

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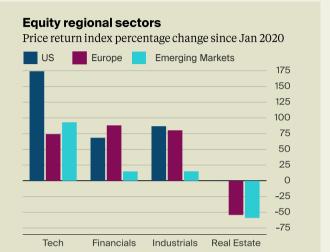


Equities

Equity markets Price return index, Jan 2020 = 100, US\$ - FTSE 250 - S&P 500 - STOXX 600 - Hang Seng 200 175 150 125 100 75 50 Sep May Sep 2020 2021 2022 2023 2025 2024

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

Index	Last	Percentage change since			
		1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
PX50	103	-0.6	0.0	2.6	109.4
OMXC25	270	-2.0	-1.0	-5.0	43.7
DAX 40	10,576	-1.2	0.8	2.6	59.8
FTSE 250	29,208	-0.7	-0.7	0.5	0.8
MIB	46,952	-0.8	0.6	1.5	78.3
Hang Seng	3,083	0.7	1.2	0.7	-14.8
IBEX 35	16,399	-0.7	-0.4	0.5	53.0
S&P 500	6,269	-0.2	-0.2	3.7	94.0
STOXX 600	639	-1.1	0.3	0.4	36.9
TOPIX	19	-0.1	-0.7	-1.1	21.3



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

	Percenta	age change sii	nce Jan 2020
	US	Europe	World
Tech	174.1%	74.2%	93.1%
Financials	68.5%	88.2%	15.0%
Industrials	86.8%	80.3%	15.1%
Real Estate	-0.5%	-54.2%	-59.0%

REITs by region

EPRA/NAREIT total return index, Jan 2020 = 100, US\$



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond Index, total return Percentage change since Last Original value and base 1 day 1 week 1 month Jan '20 2,846 US 0.8 -0.5 -1.3 19.1 Europe 2,373 -1.5 -2.4 -2.3 -16.8 World 3,479 0.5 -0.8 -0.8 8.3 Asia Pacific 3,258 0.4 -1.1 -0.8 -17.0

Euro Area REITs by sector

EPRA gross total return index, Jan 2020 = 100, € EUR

— Eurotop REITs — Office — Industrial — Retail

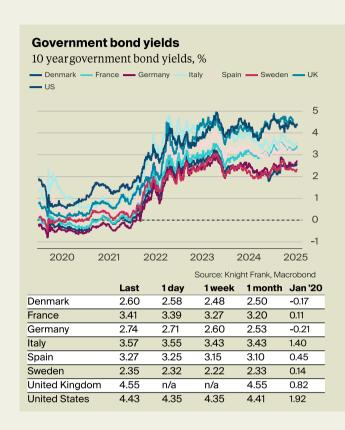
- Residential - FTSE Euro 100



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond Index, total return Percentage change since Last Original value and base 1 day 1 week 1 month Jan '20 Eurotop REITs 1,735 -7.6 -34.3 -11.5 Office 1,837 -1.4 -2.6 -3.3 4.911 4.4 Industrial -0.6 -1.3 -3.0 Retail 1,734 -0.3 -0.2 -2.3 -1.2 Residential 1,447 -0.2 -2.4 -3.0 -22.8 FTSE Euro 100 4,258 -1.0 0.8 0.0 68.2

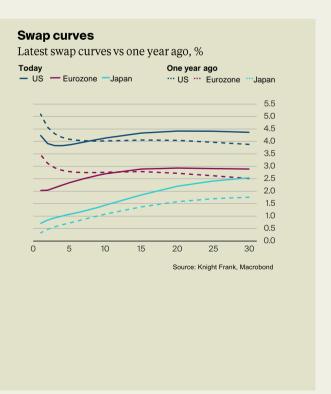


Bonds & Rates



Government bond yield curves Latest nominal yield curves vs one year ago, % One year ago Today -US -Germany -UK - Sweden ··· US ··· Germany ··· UK ···· Sweden The yield curve is an indication of the 5.5 risk free rate at different maturities 5.0 4.0 3.5 3.0 25 2.0 1.5 15 20 Years Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond







Commodities & Volatility

Energy

Oil spot prices, \$ per barrel

Brent Crude — West Texas Intermediate (WTI)



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
Brent, \$ per barrel	70.6	70.6	69.2	74.4	66.0
WTI, \$ per barrel	67.6	67.6	66.8	71.6	61.1

Baltic dry index

Baltic Exchange, Shipping Dry index (BDI), US\$

- Baltic dry index



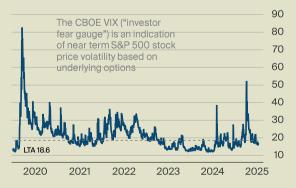
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	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
Baltic Dry	1783	21.7	24.2	-9.4	63.6

Volatility index

Near term stock price volatility indicator

— CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) --- Long term average



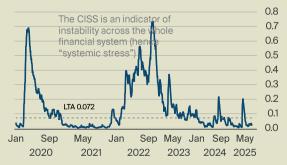
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	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
CBOE VIX	17.2	17.2	16.8	20.8	13.8
Euro Stoxx 50 VIX	17.7	17.7	17.4	21.7	14.0
Nikkei VIX	23.6	24.0	25.5	27.4	14.8
KOSPI VIX	22.5	22.6	23.5	24.9	14.7

Systemic stress

Measures FX, money, sovereign and bond yield volatility

- New ECB Composite Indicator of Systemic Stress (CISS)
- --- Long term average

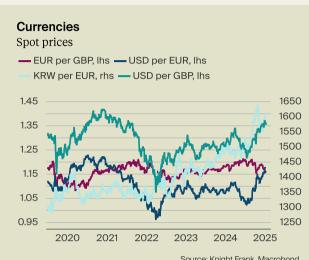


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	Last	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
Systemic stress composite	0.094	0.117	0.073	0.023
Equity markets stress sub index	0.078	0.095	0.064	0.009
Bond markets stress sub index	0.032	0.033	0.014	0.02
FX markets stress sub index	0.024	0.039	0.021	0.004



Currencies & Monetary Policy

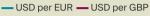


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	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
USD per EUR	1.168	1.169	1.173	1.154	1.121
USD per GBP	1.356	n/a	1.364	1.358	1.321
GBP per EUR	0.869	0.8657	0.8607	0.8501	0.8456
SEK per EUR	11.23	11.16	11.16	10.97	10.5
KRW per EUR	1615	1608	1604	1579	1293

Hedging benefits Hedging benefit p.a. on a 5 year forward





Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
USD to EUR	1.85	1.93	1.96	1.87	2.32
USD to GBP	-0.08	-0.02	0.01	-0.11	1.12

Inflation and monetary policy

Inflation rates (%)

		June	May	Apr
Belgium		2.1	2.0	2.5
Czech Republic	_	2.9	2.4	1.8
Denmark		1.9	1.6	1.5
Eurozone	_	2.0	1.9	2.2
Finland		0.2	0.5	0.5
France	_	1.0	0.7	0.8
Germany		2.0	2.2	2.0
Ireland	-	1.8	1.7	2.2
Italy		1.7	1.6	1.9
Netherlands		3.1	3.3	4.1
Norway		3.0	3.0	2.5
Poland		4.3	4.4	4.7
Romania		5.7	5.4	4.8
Spain		2.3	2.0	2.2
Sweden		0.7	0.2	0.3
Switzerland	_	0.1	-0.1	0.0
United Kingdom		n/a	3.4	3.5
United States		n/a	2.4	2.3

Interest rates (%)

Last	Jan '21
2.15	0.00
3.50	0.25
1.75	0.05
2.15	0.00
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4.25	0.00
5.00	0.10
6.50	1.50
2.15	0.00
2.00	0.00
0.00	-0.75
4.25	0.10
4.50	0.25

Asset purchasing

Latest (\$)	1m change (%)
399 bn	-5.4
160 bn	2.1
115 bn	-0.6
7.23 tn	-1.6
176 bn	28.9
1.71 tn	-1.1
2.66 tn	-0.6
184 bn	-1.8
1.27 tn	-1.7
481 bn	2.2
1.98 tn	2.2
287 bn	0.2
81.7 bn	-3.1
1.01 tn	-0.2
102 bn	-4.0
1.02 tn	-0.8
1.18 tn	0.0
6.66 tn	-0.2
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Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond





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